

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The outer ring of claim + 4, wherein the recesses are of arcuate design.
3. (Currently Amended) The outer ring of claim + 4, wherein the outer ring is cold formed.
4. (Previously Presented) A tubular outer ring of a wheel bearing comprising a radial flange, the flange extending radially outward at the axial end of the outer ring, and the flange having recesses which pass axially through the flange and which are open radially to the outside, for fastening the flange to a wheel carrier, wherein the outer ring is supported radially at least partially in a wheel carrier and the flange is fixed axially to the wheel carrier by fastening elements, the flange being engaged from behind by the fastening elements on a side of the flange which faces axially away from the wheel carrier and is held axially on the wheel carrier.
5. (Previously Presented) The outer ring of claim 4, wherein the fastening elements are bolts which reach through the recesses.
6. (Previously Presented) The outer ring of claim 4, wherein the fastening elements are heads of bolts.
7. (Currently Amended) The outer ring of claim + 4, wherein the flange bears axially

against the wheel carrier at least in sections.

8. (Previously Presented) An axial securing means of an outer ring of a wheel bearing on a wheel carrier, wherein the outer ring bears axially against the wheel carrier with a radial flange and the flange is fixed axially to the wheel carrier by fastening elements, the flange being engaged from behind by the fastening elements on a side of the flange which faces axially away from the wheel carrier and is held axially on the wheel carrier and each of the fastening elements at the same time bear axially against the wheel carrier and against the flange.

9. (Previously Presented) The axial securing means of claim 8, wherein the fastening elements are bolts with heads, each of the bolts being fixed in the wheel carrier and engaging from behind the flange with a head on that side on the flange which faces away from the wheel carrier, and the head bearing at the same time both axially against the flange and against the wheel carrier.

10. (Previously Presented) The axial securing means of claim 9, wherein each of the heads bears axially against an axial projection of the wheel carrier, the projections adjoining the flange radially.

11. (Previously Presented) The axial securing means of claim 9, in which the heads bear against a common axial annular section of the carrier, the annular section surrounding the flange circumferentially.